advised to strengthen the factory inspectorates and streamline the procedures. They have also been asked to identify the hazardous units in their areas and arrange to have the units inspected with a view to ensure that proper safety standards exist. The State Governments and Administrations of Union Territories had indicated at a Conference held at New Delhi on 2nd April, 1986 that they have taken note of the various communications sent by Central Government and they are acting upon the same. A Safety and Health Accident Reduction Action Plan was prepared and circulated to all the Central Employers' and Workers' Organisations and State Governments. This plan lists the various duties and functions of the employers, workers and State Governments, so as to prevent industrial accidents and occupational hazards.

(c) A project under the title 'setting up of a data bank-cum-information-centre' has been included in the Seventh Plan for enabling Government to have effective monitoring of industrial accidents and occupational health hazards.

Rebate on handloom goods

659. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under government's consideration to give rebate for 90 days for handloom goods instead of 60 days as is the practice at present; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expert Committees for identifying hazardous industries

660. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the Bhopal gas tragedy, the Union Labour Ministry had asked the State Governments to form Expert committees to identify hazardous industries and submit their recommendations to the Directorate General, factory Advice Service and Labour Institutes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the names of the states which have not so far formed such Committees and what steps are being taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) the state governments were advised on 28th December, 1984 to set up Task Forces/Expert Committees for updating information on occupational health hazards and implementation of safety provisions in chemical and other industries using hazardous operations and processes, including highly toxic substances. These task Forces, etc. have to over all hazardous industries as far as possible and submit their reports to the respective state Governments.

(c) All States/Union Territoriers with concentration of chemical industry have set up task Forces/Expert Committees/Committees to identify hazardous units.

Trade fairs organised by TFAI

661. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Trade Fair Authority of India recently held five international trade fairs at